

# Pinecrest School

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## PINECREST HEADLINES

*Communication from the Head of School – Issue 14, 2016-17 – Wednesday April 19, 2017*

### *Growing Our School*

A lot of site work happened over spring break. Thanks to everyone for being attentive to and cautious with our new traffic flow at pick-up and drop-off. It has been very smooth – yay!

**Remember: Friday, May 5 is a no-school day at Pinecrest and Peace.**

### *News and Notes*

Rising K-6 Movie Night is taking place at Pinecrest on Friday, April 21! Movie Nights are always great fun, and this is our only Movie Night of this school year. (Our last one took place last school year in December 2015 so it's been awhile!) This is also the first Movie Night where preschoolers who are rising kindergartners are included! The registration form is [here](#) and we ask that you sign up no later than the end of the day today. We are showing *Moana*. (This movie is rated PG. You can read Common Sense Media's review of the movie [here](#).) Movie Night is a time when parents drop off and pick up; parents do not stay at Movie Night. I was remiss in not mentioning food before; Domino's Pizza, water and popcorn are served at Movie Night and are included in the price paid to attend. Parents of children attending Movie Night will receive an email with a few more details on Thursday or Friday.

Our annual auction fundraiser is on Saturday night, April 29! This is an adults-only night of fun and fundraising for our school. The link to RSVP and buy auction tickets for Saturday night, April 29, is [here](#). We look forward to seeing most of our families here that night. Off-site parking with free shuttle will be available at AMF Annandale Lanes, which is less than 1 mile from Pinecrest. The event on April 29 is a fun party with uniquely-Pinecrest items available for bidding, and an online auction with many different donation options will open the following day and run for a week. Once the online auction information is available, you can share it with family, friends, neighbors, et al. An email will be forthcoming where it will be very easy to share and access the information about the online auction. You can also check out some of our highlighted items up for bid [here](#)! Thank you to all who have bought tickets already! There are two auction communications in today's Wednesday Envelope – green and yellow.

An email from Katrina will be forthcoming about auction set-up help on Friday, April 28, after school and clean-up on Sunday, April 30.

The next Pinecrest Pizza Friday (PPF) is Friday, May 12 (not Friday, May 5, as originally scheduled). Pinecrest Pizza Fridays (PPFs) are available to all K-6 students, preschool students in after-care and all staff. Thank you to the 10 families that have signed up to sponsor each Friday with pizza! This allows us to maximize profits from this fundraiser and we are so appreciative of your generosity. The pizza lunch costs \$7.50 per child and includes two slices of cheese pizza, and one dessert item (likely a brownie or a cookie). No drink is included. Order online at <https://fs9.formsite.com/pinecrest/PPF/index.html>. You have the option of selecting one, some, or all Fridays. Orders must be placed by 2:00PM the Thursday prior to each PPF. Proceeds from this fundraising event support the Pinecrest School Capital Campaign to *Grow Our School!* We have raised more than \$2000 so far with this effort from September to present!

We're thankful for our 2017 auction sponsors: Dulles Motorcars, Out of the Bubble Bakery, Skuared Photography, All Makes & Models and the Kiwanis Club of Tysons. Their websites are all [here](#). Support them when you can. Their kindness makes a difference to not only our auction event, but also our school as whole.

We received \$239.86 from Ledo Pizza in Falls Church for our March fundraising night – thanks to all who participated!

There has been a change to Family Bingo Night, which was originally scheduled for Friday night, May 19, at Pinecrest. It will now take place on Friday night, May 12, at Peace. Peace is exactly 10 minutes away from Pinecrest and there is large parking lot. We will be the only group using the building that night. More details will follow after spring break. We hope you will plan to join us – Family Bingo Night is a lot of fun!

The following events on our original school calendar have been canceled due to the construction timeline: April 22 Open House for Prospective Families and April 23 Pinecrest Portraits fundraiser; neither event will be rescheduled.

Please do not leave payments in the mailbox. It is not safe. We have had issues in the past where the mail carrier has taken envelopes left in the mailbox thinking it was outgoing mail. Sometimes these envelopes have made their way back to us, but not always.

Our Annual Fund Campaign is in progress and will go through August 31, 2017. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 and achieve 100% current parent and staff participation, although we have many alumni families and grandparents who give generously each year as well. All independent schools and non-profits run annual fund campaigns each year. You can donate online [here](#). The importance of Pinecrest Annual Fund cannot be overstated; it helps us close the gap between tuition and the actual operating costs of the school and is completely separate from the capital campaign which is for the new lower school building. Thank you to the many families and staff who have already given!

If you read this newsletter and respond, you will be entered in a drawing to win a retro Pinecrest t-shirt from a previous school year or summer for you or someone in your family.

### *Camp*

Our summer camp runs for 8 weeks beginning Monday, June 26 until Friday, August 18 (with no camp or care on July 4). Summer camp registration remains open to the general public. All details are [here](#) and the registration form is [here](#). Thank you in advance for helping to spread the word about our awesome summer offerings!

Please contact Ms. Mitlo for any summer or spring camp questions – [camp@pinecrestschool.org](mailto:camp@pinecrestschool.org).

### *June Care*

Like last year, we are offering June Care for a cost for part of the time between school and summer camp. June Care will run Monday-Friday, June 12-16 and Monday-Tuesday, June 19-20. This is for current students. If enrollment is high enough, children will be grouped by their rising grade level, just like at summer camp (i.e., rising K-6 together and preschool together). If enrollment is lower than anticipated, all children will be grouped together throughout each day. The registration form is [here](#). The price increases on May 1.

### *Relevant Speakers and Programs*

Whenever there are relevant speakers or programs coming to our area, we often share that information if we think the message is a match with the Pinecrest School message and philosophy and/or we think parents might be interested in attending. To that end, I want to share as FYI:

*Screenagers Documentary*

**Thursday, April 27th, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

Robinson Secondary School  
5035 Sideburn Road, Fairfax, VA 22032

*Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age.* *Screenagers* is a documentary about one of the biggest parenting issues of our time. Are you watching kids scroll through life, with their rapid-fire thumbs and a six-second attention span? Through poignant, and unexpectedly funny stories, along with surprising insights from authors, psychologists, and brain scientists, *Screenagers* reveals how tech time impacts kids' development and offers solutions on how adults can empower their kids to best navigate the digital world to find balance.

View trailer here: <http://www.screenagersmovie.com/>

Tickets are free and no RSVP needed.

*Animals and Emotions Family Yoga (ages 3-9 with adult)*

Spring is a time when we see new baby animals at the farm and zoo – what better time to do animal yoga! Animals have a unique association with emotions for many people, and yoga presents a great opportunity to explore our emotions through animal poses. Especially for children, who are still learning to identify and process their emotions, animal yoga offers a safe and fun avenue to explore those emotions and learn to effectively express them! \*Bring your favorite stuffed animal to share yoga with us! If you have little ones ages 3-9 and want to share a fun and inspiring afternoon, please join us!

Sunday, April 23, 11:00-noon at [Feels Like Om in Springfield](#)

## Finances

Reminder: Our policy is that tuition should be received on or by the 1st. The 2nd-5th are grace period days, and the \$50 late fee is charged when tuition is received after the 5th.

If you are using drop-in after-care and/or before-care, you are billed after use on a monthly basis and you are expected to pay within a month after the invoice date. A \$50 late fee is assessed otherwise. Mrs. Sim emails bills and the subject line of these messages is "Invoice from Pinecrest School." These invoices are sent through QuickBooks so please make sure to save this address in your contacts list to avoid having to search in spam for it. *Pinecrest School <[quickbooks\\_email@intuit.com](mailto:quickbooks_email@intuit.com)>*. When you receive the invoice, you will have a choice to pay by credit card with a processing fee added on or by check with no processing fee. (To pay by credit card, click View Invoice, and then click Pay Now on the top right.)

If you have questions about any invoices you receive, it is best to email Mrs. Sim directly at [business@pinecrestschool.org](mailto:business@pinecrestschool.org). You are always welcome to CC me as well.

## Photos

Facebook:

- [Preschool 4 Field Trip 4/7](#)
- [PPF 4/7](#)

## Upcoming Dates

More details will follow about upcoming events/activities if not included here.

Thursday, April 20	Preschool In-house Event – Storytime Express Show
Thursday, April 20	K/1 Field Trip – Roer’s Zoofari (formerly Reston Zoo) (note date change from April 6 to April 20)
Friday, April 21	Preschool Blue Day
Friday, April 21	Rising K-6 Movie Night – 6-9:15 p.m. – multipurpose room – <a href="https://fs9.formsite.com/pinecrest/MovieNight/index.html">https://fs9.formsite.com/pinecrest/MovieNight/index.html</a>
Thursday, April 27	K/1 Field Trip – Hidden Oaks Nature Center
Friday, April 28	Grade 4 and 5/6 Field Trip to American Civil War Museum in Richmond
Saturday, April 29	Auction Drinks and Dessert Evening – 7 p.m. – upper school building (adults only) – the link to RSVP and buy auction tickets is <a href="#">here</a>
Sunday, April 30, 11:30AM – Saturday, May 6, 12 PM	Online Auction <a href="http://www.auctria.com/auction/celebrate2017">www.auctria.com/auction/celebrate2017</a>
Mon.-Thurs., May 1-4	Faculty and Staff Appreciation Week – thank you to all who have already sent in contributions!
Thursday, May 4	K/1 Field Trip – Smithsonian Natural History Museum
Friday, May 5	NO SCHOOL
Wednesday, May 10	Board of Directors Meeting – 7 p.m.
Friday, May 12	Pinecrest Pizza Friday
Friday, May 12	Family Bingo Night – 7-9:30 p.m. – Peace
Monday-Friday, May 15-19	Spirit Week – more details to follow soon
Monday, May 22	Grade 1 Authors’ Tea – 3-3:35 p.m. – classroom
Tuesday, May 23	Preschool 4 Field Trip – Hidden Pond Nature Center
Tuesday, May 23	Grade 2 Authors’ Tea – 3-3:35 p.m. – classroom
Wednesday, May 24	Grade 3 Authors’ Tea – 3-3:35 p.m. – classroom
Wednesday, May 24	Annual Meeting – 7 p.m. – upper school building
Thursday, May 25	Grade 4 and Grade 5/6 Authors’ Teas – 3-3:35 p.m. – classrooms at Peace
Friday, May 26	Preschool 3/4 Field Trip – Hidden Pond Nature Center
Friday, May 26	Grade 4 and 5/6 Field Trip – Hidden Pond Nature Center
Monday, May 29	Memorial Day – No School
Friday, June 2	Preschool Last Day of School, Before-care and After-care
Friday, June 2	Preschool Year-End Ceremony 11:15 a.m.-12:05 p.m. – multipurpose room
Friday, June 2	Preschool Year-End Narratives Distributed Via Backpack
Friday, June 2	Pinecrest Pizza Friday
Tuesday, June 6	K-6 Last Day After-care – After-care ends at 5 p.m.
Tuesday, June 6	K-6 Quarter 4 Ends (50 days) / K-6 Quarter 4 Report Cards Distributed Via Backpack
Tuesday, June 6	Class of 2017 Clap Out – 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 6	K-6 Spring Concert and Grade 6 Graduation – 6 p.m. – Annandale United Methodist Church
Wednesday, June 7	K-6 Last Day of School & Before-care / K-6 Half Day – 12:05 p.m. Dismissal / No after-care
Wednesday, June 7	K-6 Field Day

## *Celebrations/Appreciations*

Mrs. Jayne Cantor, our K-6 computer teacher and K-Kids co-advisor, will not be returning to Pinecrest next year. Mrs. Cantor has been an important member of our community during her 12 school years with us. This is sad news for Pinecrest, and we will miss Mrs. Cantor very much. Mrs. Cantor is retiring after many years in the teaching profession – fortunately, not she is relocating, which means we will still see her. ☺ Mrs. Cantor is our school's first computer teacher, a position she's held since the 2005-06 school year and she's also advised our K-Kids Club for second through sixth graders with me since K-Kids' inception at Pinecrest. I know that you will join me in wishing Mrs. Cantor the very best despite the sad feelings this news may cause. I purposefully put this news under celebrations and appreciations because Mrs. Cantor is very deserving of much celebration and appreciation for her contributions and dedication to Pinecrest!

## *Calendar Changes*

- **Family Bingo Night – will now take place on Friday night, May 12, at Peace (not Friday, May 19, at Pinecrest)**
- **Pinecrest Pizza Friday – will now take place on Friday, May 12 (not Friday, May 5)**
- **No School / No Care – Friday, May 5**
- **Get the Picture: Pinecrest Portraits by Shaun Kurry – Photoshoot Fundraiser – canceled for April 23**
- **Open House for Prospective Families – canceled for April 22**
- Parent Visiting Morning: Centers With Your Child – canceled for November 11
- Individual and Class Photos by Creatives Images – took place October 18 (will not take place on April 24)
- Fall Spruce Up Day – added and took place on October 16
- K-6 Color Run – took place on October 14 (not September 30)